

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:589
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REDUCTION IN PULSE RATE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has reduced the pulse rate from 5 minutes to 3 minutes for charge for local calls;
- (b) whether the move has affected phone users, especially who use local calls often;
- (c) if so, whether there is any proposal to revert back to earlier pulse rate of 5 minutes for local calls;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) No, Sir, because the average holding time of local call is less than 3 minutes and the area covered by a local call has been extended to the whole SDCA and contiguous SDCAs.
- (c) At present, there is no such proposal.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) As mentioned at (b) above.